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I am horrified that the WOPR – popularly called a “Whopper”, could be considered as a viable forest plan. How could logging 200 year old growth trees in the next decade be considered good logging practice? By putting over 1 million acres under Timber Management Areas shows that the Forest Plan is to denude Oregon forests as happened in the eastern U.S. Furthermore clear cutting has proven to be a very short sighted practice. Not only are entire hillsides laid bare for decades after, but the erosion that ensues further degrades the land and silts up the rivers affecting the fish, not to mention all the birds who will have lost their homes. To add injury to insult the criss crossing logging roads proposed will further deface forests from the Willamette Valley to the Siskiyou Mountains.

Please reconsider this very forest damaging plan. We citizens prefer to enjoy our forests for multiple uses and not be slapped in the face with ugly patches of bare land caused by greedy logging companies. There are methods available to log in a sustainable way, which allows both sides to be satisfied, but clear cutting swatches certainly is not one.

Sincerely yours,

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